

Today in Corps history:
Jan. 23, 1780: Marines participated in the capture of a British brig off the coast of Charleston.

Source: Marine Corps History

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THE BOOT



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Depot News

DEPOT TAX CENTER OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Depot Tax Center is open to help eligible personnel file their income taxes for free. Tax Center staff have completed training from H&R Block and the Internal Revenue Service.

The Tax Center is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon.

For more information, call 228-4851.

YELLOW FOOTPRINTS MCL DET. OFFICIAL

The Yellow Footprints detachment of the Marine Corps League will become official Jan. 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Peatross Parade Deck.

The Parris Island Marine Band will play and Young Marines from Beaufort and Charleston will present the colors. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Four Winds Club.

For more information, contact Master Gunnery Sgt. Donald R. Garland at 228-3165.

DoD BASS FISHING TOURNEY SIGN UP

Registration is now underway for the 14th Annual Department of Defense Team Bass Fishing Tournament. The tournament will be held April 18 - 23 in Byrdstown, Tenn.

To register, visit www.mccssc.com or contact Huck Jones at hugh.jones@robins.af.mil.

On the Web

MARINET NET MAKES SCHOOL ONLINE EASY

The United States Marine Corps College of Continuing Education, located on the Web at www.marinenet.usmc.mil, is the official gateway to online courseware.

Marines can enroll in online courses as well as paper-based MCI courses.

Out in Town

HILTON HEAD HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL RACE

Hilton Head Island will host its 2nd Annual Half Marathon Feb. 14 at 8 a.m. The race will start and finish in front of the Pasta Garden Restaurant on Central Park Lane. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Hilton Head Island Children's Memorial Garden. To register, contact Bear Foot Sports at 379-3440 or visit www.bearfootsports.com.

BEAUFORT CELEBRATES LOCAL MOVIE MAKING

Beaufort celebrates movie making in and around Beaufort with the "Made in Beaufort" festival today through Wednesday at the Lady's Island Cinema.

Locals will get the chance to share their "extra" experiences in Beaufort films, with emcee Ginnie Kozak, author of "Lights, Camera, Beaufort: Hollywood Comes to the Lowcountry."

Call the Beaufort Arts Council at 379-2787 for details.

Weather



Friday
Sunny
Hi 56 Low 32
Saturday
Sunny
Hi 66 Low 42
Sunday
Showers
Hi 62 Low 41

Scholarships help military children pay college tuition

CPL. JENNIFER BROFER

STAFF WRITER

Time is running out to mail in applications for the Scholarships for Military Children Program, which awards \$1,500 scholarships to children of military personnel.

Applications for the scholarship must be received by the nearest commissary no later than close of business Feb. 18.

The program, sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation, was created to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force, and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community, according to their Web site at www.commissary.com.

The goal of the program is to award a scholarship at every commissary location where qualified applications are received.

Any unmarried children under 21 (23 if enrolled as full-time student) of active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military personnel or survivors of a deceased member, with a military identification card can apply. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants must be planning to attend a college or university in the 2004 fall term on a full-time basis. No scholarship will be awarded for those pursuing an associate, second undergraduate or graduate school degree.

Students still in high school who wish to apply must submit an official high school transcript, and college applicants must submit their college transcript.

Applications may be filled out by picking up an application at any commissary location, or online using a link on their Web site. Once they are completed, they must be printed and hand-carried or mailed to the nearest

commissary. Applications may not be e-mailed. Individuals may apply at only one commissary, and anyone who submits an application to more than one commissary will be disqualified for consideration of the scholarship.

Six-thousand, five hundred applications were received in 2003. Out of those, more than 550 students were awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to help pay for their college tuition. Overall, more than \$2.3 million has been awarded since the program's inception in 2001.

Scholarship Managers, an independent, professional scholarship management service, will select the recipients based on academics, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation and the quality of essays written by applicants.

This year's scholarship essay question is, "What aspect of military life has had the greatest impact on you?" Essays must be 500 words or less, typed or computer-generated, double spaced and no longer than two pages.

Although many factors go into deciding who will be awarded the scholarships, students are encouraged to do their best when writing the essay.

"In past years, the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants," said Edna Hoogewind, program liaison for DeCA.

Recipients of the scholarship will be notified by letter on or about May 1. After March 29, applicants may visit the program's Web site and click on the "Verification of Receipt" section to send an e-mail for verification. Scholarship Managers will respond to "Verification of Receipt" e-mails only until June 15. Checks will be mailed to the recipient's home address on file by July 31.

For more information, or to download an application, visit www.militaryscholar.org.

Can you hear me now? ...



Lance Cpl. Brian Kester

Sergeant Antonio N. Soto, installation chief for Depot Telephone, hooks up phone service to a house in Wake Village Tuesday. Part of Soto's daily task is to program, maintain and install all telecommunication equipment Depot wide. Depot Telephone handles service for buildings and houses, plus pay phones, analog and digital phone sets.



Lance Cpl. Brian Kester

Karen Ford, project control assistant with Korte Construction, inputs data during her workday at the Korte Construction Supervisor's Office Jan. 16. Ford, wife of Staff Sgt. Michael Ford, drill instructor, 2nd RTBn. was placed through Aedcco.

TA, Adecco team up to find spouses jobs

**LANCE CPL. BRIAN
KESTER**

STAFF WRITER

The Depot Transition Assistance Office helps family members new to the Beaufort area find jobs through its many programs and resources.

Through programs like the Career Accelerator Spousal Employment program, Betsy Archer, family member employment counselor, assists individuals in the job hunting process.

This program represents a part-

nership between Adecco, an international employment agency, and the Marine Corps to help family members with the process of finding jobs.

"We are in contact with employers in the local area," said Cheryl Monroe, Adecco representative. "That fact enables us to place people easier than if they were trying to find jobs on their own."

Not only does the agency help with finding jobs, but they offer

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Corps awards Navy Federal branch manager

NFCU

PRESS RELEASE

The Depot Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Joseph J. McMenamin, awarded Bill Knepp, Navy Federal's local branch manager, a Certificate of Commendation Jan. 13 for his 20 years of Navy Federal service to the Command, the men, women and families of

the Marine Corps, and to the greater Parris Island community.

A retired captain with more than 20 years of military service, Knepp joined Navy Federal as the manager of the Parris Island branch in 1984. His military career began when he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1955,

advanced through the ranks from private to chief warrant officer and retired in 1976 as a captain.

Colonel Michael A. Malachowsky, Depot Chief of Staff, honored Knepp during a ceremony at the Navy Federal branch office.

"[Mr.] Knepp has won the respect and admiration of the

Tri-Command and civilian communities through his personal financial management classes and inclusion in the 'Once a Marine' program, Tri-Command retiree/spouse seminars, Kiwanis Club of Beaufort, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Retired Officers' Association and Marine Corps Reserve

Toys for Tots," said Malachowsky as he read the commendation. "[His] initiative and devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

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